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1. IN WAKE OF MAKARIOS-DENKTASH MEETING AND IN LINE  
WITH APPARENT DESIRE OF BOTH SIDES HERE TO DEMONSTRATE  
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"GOODWILL" AND RESTRAINT PRIOR TO FEB 12-13 MEETINGS, FOUR  
TURK CYPRIOT JOURNALISTS ATTENDED GREEK CYPRIOT COCKTAIL  
FEB 3 CELEBRATING FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF PRO-CLERIDES DAILY  
SIMERINI. TURK CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES GAVE PERMISSION FOR  
JOURNALISTS TO ATTEND COCKTAIL, AND GREEK AUTHORITIES  
AT LEDRA PALACE CHECKPOINT LET THE TURKS PASS THROUGH  
WITH NO DIFFICULTIES. JOURNALISTS WERE GREETED BY

CHEERS UPON THEIR ARRIVAL AT THE RECEPTION AND LATER WENT TO GREEK CYPRIOT TAVERN FOR DINNER WITH SOME OF THEIR GREEK CYPRIOT COLLEAGUES.

2. THERE HAS BEEN AND CONTINUES TO BE SOME CONTACT BETWEEN GREEK CYPRIOTS AND TURK CYPRIOTS ON THE ISLAND. GREEK CYPRIOT ENGINEERS IN CHARGE OF MAINTENANCE OF WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM AND EQUIPMENT PERIODICALLY CONSULT WITH THEIR TURK CYPRIOT COLLEAGUES WHEN BREAKDOWNS OCCUR. IN ADDITION, GREEK CYPRIOT TECHNICIANS REGULARLY GO TO THE TURKISH SIDE OF NICOSIA TO MAINTAIN COMPUTERS IN VARIOUS TURKISH CYPRIOT BANKS. WE ALSO UNDERSTND THAT GREEK CYPRIOT DOCTORS OCCASIONALLY ARE ASKED TO VISIT PATIENTS ON THE TURKISH SIDE IN SPECIAL MEDICAL CASES.

3. THESE CONTACTS, HOWEVER, ARE RELATIVELY UNPUBLICIZED AND THUS THE PUBLIC NATURE OF THE TURKISH GESTURE IN ALLOWING JOURNALISTS TO ATTEND GREEK SOCIAL FUNCTION WAS A USEFUL STEP IN REMINDING THE TWO COMMUNITIES THAT DESPITE THEIR MANY DIFFERENCES THEY RETAIN MUCH IN COMMON. SOME GREEK CYPRIOTS HAVE SUGGESTED TO US THAT FURTHER SOCIAL, PROFESSIONAL, AND APOLITICAL CONTACTS BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES WOULD BE MOST USEFUL, AND WE HAVE TRIED TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS OFFICIALS IN BOTH COMMUNITIES IN THIS DIRECTION. IN THIS REGARD, WE READ WITH INTEREST ATHENS 1091 WHICH REPORTED THAT ICFTU GENERAL SECRETARY KERSTEN WAS PLANNING TO TAKE AN INITIATIVE TO BRING ABOUT CONTACTS BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES. WE RECALL THAT ACFTU HAD PLANNED A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONFERENCE ON CYPRUS AT THE LEDRA PALACE SOME TIME IN LATE 1975 BUT THAT POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS ON TURKISH SIDE PREVENTED CONFERENCE FROM TAKING PLACE. ANY INFORMATION GENEVA COULD PICK UP ON KERSTEN'S PLANS WOULD BE USEFUL TO US IN OUR EFFORTS TO QUIETLY PROMOTE EXPANDED CONTACTS HERE BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES.

4. DURING FEB 4 LUNCH WITH EMBOFFS, "TFSC FOREIGN MINISTER" CHELIK CLAIMED THAT HE HAD PERSONALLY TAKEN THE DECISION TO ALLOW TURK CYPRIOT JOURNALISTS TO CROSS OVER. HE SAID THE TURKISH SIDE FAVORED EXPANDED CONTACTS OF THIS NATURE IN PRINCIPLE, BUT SAID MUCH WOULD DEPEND ON ATMOSPHERE AND OUTCOME OF FUTURE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. CRAWFORD

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